Subject: Chat with Anonymous
From: Anonymous <greggatghc@gmail.com>
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3:02 PM **me**: thanks for the vid, will watch it now, also finishing up that piece and will send you link when it's up
this is your video, correct?
3:03 PM **Anonymous**: its a video by the same people who did the original message to scientology video
and it was uploaded to my account
me: didn't you do that video?
Anonymous: I was part of the group
me: gotcha
Anonymous: it was a collaborative effort among 5 people
3:04 PM **me**: your name came out when CoS filed against you, correct?
Anonymous: yeah
3:05 PM **me**: so what's their plan now?
aside from Mastercard?
3:06 PM does this launch a particular new effort?
Anonymous: keep letting targets present themselves
and then attak
attack
is what it seems to be right now
me: can I quote that or not?
Anonymous: sure
3:07 PM **me**: okay. I was going to go into a lengthy history of anonymous and all this but will save that for later in the week so I can go ahead and get this up

26 minutes

3:33 PM **me**: did the print version run the stuff you didn't want run, the NYT piece?
or did they correct it in time?
Anonymous: in the US one they did
3:34 PM **me**: I know online version was revised
Anonymous: in the international one they didnt
is how i understand it
3:36 PM **me**: and did you assist with making this new video?
I know you're not involved in Mastercard, but you're still going to be planning actions regarding Wikileaks, right?
3:37 PM **Anonymous**: I was in the channel where they made the video, but I did not actually come up with the idea, write the descrption, or find the video clips
it was a small group of people, most of the same people from the original video
i was to busy with the interviews and other crap

to help out, i would have, but didnt have the time

me: ok, thanks

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4:01 PM **me**: okay, it's up
http://ordinary-gentlemen.com/blog/2010/12/08/anonymous-preparing-for-new-wikileaks-effort/
read it over and let me know if I need to make any changes before sending it around to reddit, etc.

4:02 PM **Anonymous**: de facto spokesperson for Anonymous
i will be hunted down and shot for that
there are no spokespeople for anonymous

me: okay, what wording?
I put in de facto because you've been serving in that role lately

Anonymous: most people have been going with Internet activist

4:03 PM **me**: I wanted something that conveys that you're the one that a lot of media go to when trying to find out what Anonymous "wants" to the extent that a group like that can "want" anything

Anonymous: right

4:04 PM an Internet Activist with ties to Anonymous ?

4:05 PM **me**: he's lately become a sort of go-to guy for those media which want a sense of what Anonymous is all about
how about that?

Anonymous: sure
He will, however, be involved in whatever action that particular group chooses to take.

4:06 PM **me**: ok, changed

Anonymous: ^ that says i am part of the attacks
I am not
I am not attacking anything or doing any of the actions

me: you're not going to do what the other four choose to do?

Anonymous: Just taking part in the chats and monitoring anything

me: okay, I'll change now

4:07 PM can switch with
At any rate, he's out of the cyber-attack business himself, instead assisting by way of more unambiguously legal avenues.
not sure if you officially admit to having been involved in any DDOS or anything in the past

4:08 PM I can just take the sentence out altogether if you want

Anonymous: I do not
I have not ever been involved in the ddoses

me: okay, I took the sentence out
sorry, thought you did that

Anonymous: always in the organizing and spreading of information and trying to get the press to listen
me: even I did that
4:09 PM what did CoS have on you?
I haven't looked at those documents yet
Anonymous: They had a lot of false charges
me: the court docs or whatever
Anonymous: they tried to call our protests Criminal Harassment
me: were you convicted of anything?
Anonymous: and tried to say that I trespassed
which I did not and we had video proof
no
4:10 PM we ended it with a CWOF, continuance without finding.
me: so it's still undecided?
Anonymous: I would stay away from their building for 1 year, and they would stay away from me for 1 year
me: or done
I see
Anonymous: but I could continue to do everything else
compltely done
year was over last october
me: okay, thanks, I understand a lot better now
4:11 PM luckily I can make changes to these blog posts in seconds, otherwise I would have asked you a lot more questions just for due diligence. Anyway, all fixed/taken out now.
Anonymous: awesome
4:12 PM **me**: Not sure if I mentioned to you but I did radio interviews in support of wikileaks right before the first Afghan video came out and shit hit the fan
and as you've probably gathered, there are a lot of prominent/connected people who are sympathetic to both you and them
4:13 PM you got the e-mail from Eisler, I imagine?
Anonymous: i got the one you forwarded
and thats awesome
yeah
i have gotten 29 interview requests today
already done 2 on radio in person in boston
and 4 by phone
cnn is going to have me on probably tomorrow
me: jesus
Anonymous: and i got another friend going on CBC tonight instead of me
4:14 PM so they can mix up the coverage a bit
he is gonna be on by skype from england

4:15 PM **me**: yeah, I did an interview on skype once with Russia Today
hope his computer is better than mine
Anonymous: hah yeah
they have been testing it out to make sure
me: then they cut me off when I started talking about the Ryazan incident of 1999
4:16 PM but I got across enough such that anyone could use Google to figure out what I was talking about
Anonymous: yeah
me: anyway, you guys have been doing a bang-up job, your CBC interview was fantastic and very effective
4:17 PM **Anonymous**: http://visa.com/
down.
me: ha

52 minutes

5:10 PM **Anonymous**: just
fuck man
its been a long day
this is the first 20 minute stretch without something going on
a nice break
5:11 PM **me**: I know how you feel
well, kind of
5:12 PM I'm not doing 30 fucking interviews this week but running this Project PM thing in addition to the dozen other things I do is fucking all-consuming
5:13 PM **Anonymous**: yeah
me: plus got an IRC meeting tonight to hammer out our new partnership with the African health program
Anonymous: nice
i am going to hopefully get a little rest in here
me: and having Carasov die put the breaks on one of my secret projects so now have to put someone else in charge
5:14 PM he was really perfect for it, guy was a fucking cyber soldier
anyway, don't work too hard. Go play some TF2 while you do phone interviews.
5:15 PM **Anonymous**: ive got 8 computers running right now
i still have a job too
5:16 PM and have been doign that on the other screens
me: lol
Anonymous: while doing the interviews
me: jesus
welcome to the future
Anonymous: indeed
me: ever read any Gibson?
Anonymous: working from home has advantages and disadvantages

tons
me: The "PM" in Project PM
Anonymous: eisler, pratchett, gibson, stephenson, adams
me: stands for Panther Moderns
Anonymous: those are my 5 favorite authors
ahh nice
me: although that's not what I say publicly
5:17 PM **Anonymous**: of course
me: only a few people know, including Michael Hastings
but you guys remind me a bit of not only the Panther Moderns, but also the Republic of Desire
both of which were somewhat prophetic depictions
5:18 PM **Anonymous**: there is a lot of that in sci fi
me: yeah, I'm actually kind of deficient in modern sci fi authors; only read Gibson and Neal Stephenson
5:19 PM have you read Cryptonomicon?
Anonymous: of course
and all the followups
me: I guarantee you, a million bucks, that he's running something
Anonymous: i love history
so the rest of the series really was amazing to me
me: I'm going to be getting in touch with him via Eisler soon
Anonymous: thats epic
i only have 5 book authors that i can really name as someone I am huge fans of and those are 2 of the 5
me: I can tell he has something akin to all of this because he describes such groups several times in various books
yeah, me too
5:20 PM he's an absolute erudite genius
Anonymous: he would be an interesting person to join up
5:22 PM **me**: well, I'll feel him out. Asked Eisler if he'd deliver a message to him on my behalf but I want to wait a couple more months until I've finished delegating and getting everything structured and also I have to decide exactly how to best ensure that my letter prompts him to talk to me candidly
having a former CIA special operations agent like Eisler send him the letter will help, I imagine
5:24 PM **Anonymous**: it should help a lot
5:26 PM PBS's frontline producer Helen Whitney is going to do a documentary on hacktivists and wikileaks
me: good
Anonymous: just got asked to help them get it setup, and get people for them to interview and of course be in it

5:27 PM would you want to maybe be part of this?
im talking to her at about 9pm tonight, i can float the idea

me: sure, as I think I mentioned I've done a bunch of interviews about Wikileaks and wrote about it back in the day

Anonymous: yeah
when i talk to her ill bring it up

me: plus all of these emergent internet dynamics are my main focus now

5:28 PM my next book discusses them in last chapter

Anonymous: awesome
then yeah, we should try and get you in on this

me: actually, it was Eisler who helped me get rights back from shitty publisher that's been fucking me over since I was 23 and get it to top agent he knows

Anonymous: that is great, its nice to have someone like him help

me: which reminds me that I'm still supposed to do a two-page overview for that agent; shit just keeps coming up

5:29 PM **Anonymous**: yeah

me: yeah, I'm happy to have a chance to talk to someone else who takes this stuff seriously and recognizes it for what it is

5:30 PM I could never get Vanity Fair to understand that this is important; they could have had an article on all of this well before it happened if only they weren't amoral douchebags like every other major publication

Anonymous: hah yeah
they care about kim kardashian or however its spelled
the fact that she made over $6 million last year
sickens me

5:31 PM **me**: If you saw it from the inside like me and my friends do, you'd be far more militant

5:32 PM **Anonymous**: probably

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5:54 PM **me**: also, you're probably too busy to do so, but feel free to join our IRC channel this evening; you could just log on and perhaps skim the proceedings later. At any rate, perhaps you could join us another time when you're less busy.

5:55 PM **Anonymous**: yeah
freenode, #projectpm ?
what time?

me: yep indeed
7 EST
every wednesday
actually

Anonymous: ok, ill show up

5:56 PM **me**: I don't know if you know Tim Ellis, writes for HuffPo and runs a rave production company among other things, but he has anon connections and was

working with Carasov on one of our projects
he'll be there
anyway, gonna go for a run real quick

Anonymous: awesome, ill be there

5:58 PM **me**: sweet

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6:19 PM **me**: "Twitter has just suspended the @Anon_Operation account, which had 22,173 followers..."
got that from my GF in England just now

17 minutes

6:36 PM **Anonymous**: yeah

6:37 PM http://twitter.com/#!/anonopsnet
and
http://twitter.com/#!/AnonOperation
have sprung up